

Alternative Spring Break Service Trip Application

March 7 - March 13, 2010

Do you need plans for Spring Break? Would you like to make a difference and have fun with other ISU students, faculty, and staff? Would you like to earn course credit for yourself while helping others? If you answered yes to these questions, then you should participate in the Alternative Spring Break trip!

What is ISU's Alternative Spring Break (ASB)?

For the sixth year in a row, ISU will be sending students to different places in the United States during the week of spring break to participate in community service and experiential learning. Through immersion in the community and environment where they serve, students get an intense leadership, growth, and educational experience as they witness, discuss, and work to address social issues.

The service this year will take place at two different sites. One group will work with international refugees in Atlanta, Georgia while the other site is to be determined. *Choice/assignment of students to trips will occur after being accepted into the ASB program.* For both groups, service assignments will be provided by the host organization.

Requirements of all participants include:

- Selection begins on October 1st, and an initial non-refundable deposit of \$100 is due once accepted. Applications received after November 1st may not be considered.
- To complete the application, each applicant must have at least one official reference form filled out and turned in.
- Four mandatory meetings for *all participants* will be held—one each in December, January, and February, and a mandatory follow-up meeting after spring break. (Specific dates and times are TBA.)
- Cost is \$400 for current students, with *fundraising opportunities available* to cover up to half that amount. Payment deadlines will be posted on the ASB website.
- Participants must provide proof of health insurance and may need to purchase temporary insurance out of pocket.
- All ASB events and activities are drug and alcohol-free.

Student leadership team opportunity!

Some students may be interested in having a bigger role in ASB—whether through peer-leading, organizational tasks, fundraising, recruitment, or other areas. The team, once convened, will determine many of its own roles and responsibilities and will have a significant influence over the ASB program. Freshman and other first-time ASB participants are welcome to apply!

To join the student leadership team:

- (1) indicate the fact by selecting the option on the application form
- (2) return your application *before* November 13, 2010.

RCSM 485:

The Alternative Spring Break at ISU is the service learning component of the RCSM 485 class. Undergraduate students selected for ASB will have the choice of whether to enroll in this 3 credit hour course, which carries additional requirements beyond those noted here.

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- (2) We are looking for a group of participants that is both effective and diverse. Please comment on the strengths you would bring to the work group (related experience, leadership, interpersonal skills, etc.) and on the qualities and experiences you could contribute to the diversity and character of the group.

- I understand that I will be required to attend all pre-trip meetings in order to attend, *whether or not I enroll in RSCM 485*. I understand that the dates of these meetings are TBA.
- I agree to abide by ISU and other rules and policies, to participate to my fullest ability in the projects, and to follow instructions given.
- I understand that, if selected, I will be responsible for paying the cost of attendance: from \$200 to \$400, depending upon the success of group fundraising efforts and my participation in them.
- I have never been convicted of any crime, including sex-related or child abuse related offenses. *If you have, please provide a detailed written explanation with this application. Your eligibility will be determined by the ASB staff.*

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

To learn more about the organizations with whom ASB has worked:

To learn more about Alternative Breaks, visit “Break Away: The Alternative Break Connection” at www.alternativebreaks.org.

Also, watch the ASB website (<http://www.indstate.edu/publicservice/students/asb.htm>) for updates!

The ASB program at ISU operates under the following nondiscrimination policy:

Indiana State University is committed to creating and maintaining a positive learning and working environment and will not tolerate prohibited discrimination. Indiana State University maintains and promotes a policy of nondiscrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, pregnancy, age, disability, or veteran’s status.

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